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To: Don Johnson, Town Manager
From: Nancy McShea, Recreation Director
RE: School Street Field Development CPA Request

In the spring of 2004 we had requested funding in the amount of \$250,000 to complete the School Street Field Development project from start to finish. Circumstances have changed dramatically since we first sought funding for this project, and we feel that it would be premature for us to ask for CPA funding for this project at this time.

In the late fall we were able to complete the grading and shaping of this field, with the assistance of the highway department, and through the use of money within our current budgets. In addition the recreation commission approached the youth soccer, lacrosse and Pop Warner football programs to donate money for seeding the site, which resulted in a \$4,800 donation. Last month we had discussion with youth baseball and softball regarding development of the two diamonds on this site. Both entities agreed that seeking out grant funding for field development was in everyone's best interest. Youth baseball and youth softball have set aside money within their upcoming budgets towards half of the ball field development costs. The Recreation Department will be applying to the Baseball Tomorrow Fund Grant to cover the approximate \$40,000-\$50,000 additional dollars needed to bring these fields on-line.

To this end I am respectfully requesting that you withdraw our \$250,000 School Street Field Development request until we completely exhaust alternative funding sources. I would be happy to discuss this further with you if need be. Thank you.